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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. A translation of the foreign language document(s) is not readily available.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

European Publication EP 082 8165A2 discloses an apparatus for determination and further processing of dimensional data and that includes a distance measuring device for determining a distance to a reflecting location (4) with a sender for emitting a measuring optical beam (2) and a receiver for

receiving a reflected beam (3), and an evaluation unit for determining the distance based on comparison of emitted and reflected beams; and a computer for controlling the measuring process.

German Publication DE 197 18642A1 discloses an apparatus for measuring three-dimensional objects with measuring threads (5) with three threads being guided from two points A and B, respectively, through reference points (4) and wound on respective drums (3), with the apparatus including a range finder (7) having a pointer (6) and a computer (12) which evaluates the position data of the pointer and distance values of the range finder calculates space data $P_1, P_2 \dots P_n$ in coordinate system (3).

No fee is due with this Information Disclosure Statement as it is being submitted before the first Office Action on merits and within three months from the date applicants became familiar with the references, as evidenced by the date of the Search Report (May 22, 2006).

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